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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

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RE: Letter of Appeal

The Postal Service has informed us of a decision to consolidate our downtown post office into a local mail processing facility. This facility currently has no retail window or box section and would require extensive remodeling to accommodate these operations. This decision was made despite great protest of our community and would be a disaster for our downtown business district. We elected officials of Grand Island and Hall County protest this action in consideration of the Postal Reorganization Act which requires the Postal Service to provide adequate service to communities. It is our desire that a substation be established which has a retail window and box section in the downtown area of Grand Island.

This action by the Postal Service would create a great hardship for residents of the center and east areas of our community who rely on the post office to purchase stamps, money orders, and receive accountable mail. Many of them travel on foot or by bicycle. Several businesses in the downtown area send and receive large numbers of accountable mail and a postal presence is vital to their continued success.

We also feel the Postal Service did not comply with the legal requirements for the decision making process.

- First, there is no evidence that a feasibility study was done which included a study of the effect on the community. While not a requirement, the lack of a feasibility study shows a great disregard for the public and their concerns.
- Second, the public must be given 60 days to provide comments, while we were given only 30 days to respond.
- Third, the final decision must contain instructions that enable the affected customers to appeal the decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission. The Postal Service did not inform the public of its right to appeal.

We understand that the written response from the public on this matter must be kept as part of the record concerning this matter. We held our own public forum and encouraged letter writing to express our objection to the proposed course of action and we ask you to review it as well as this written communication.

Again, we ask only that a postal substation be established to replace the main post office building in the downtown area of Grand Island, Nebraska.

Sincerely,

Pamela E. Lancaster
Chair – Hall County Board of Supervisors

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